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January 5, 2010

The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Chairman,

As a Representative from the State of Idaho, I am writing to voice my support for granting CTC Telecom, Inc.'s Petition for Waiver of Section 54.314(d) Deadline for High-Cost Support Certification. Because of the unique circumstances for CTC's missed deadline, I believe that denying the Petition would run contrary to the public interest. This is particularly true for rural communities in Idaho, which are in critical need of low-cost, reliable communications services.

CTC is a rural telephone carrier that provides services to mostly rural parts of Idaho and eastern Oregon. CTC is a commercial mobile radio services carrier marketing and selling mobile wireless service under the brand name Snake River PCS. CTC was granted ETC designation by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (IPUC) on July 24, 2009. However, both CTC and IPUC were late to file Use Certification Letters to the FCC and USAC within a required 60-day window.

No doubt CTC recognizes the importance of meeting deadlines, but I find it significant that CTC rectified the problem without delay – just six business days after the filing window closed. Again, given the importance of providing competitive, quality communications services to Idaho, I express my support of granting CTC's Petition. After all, CTC already has invested a great deal to provide these services and delay would greatly jeopardize that vital undertaking for my District.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. I look forward to your response.

Very truly yours,

Walt Minnick
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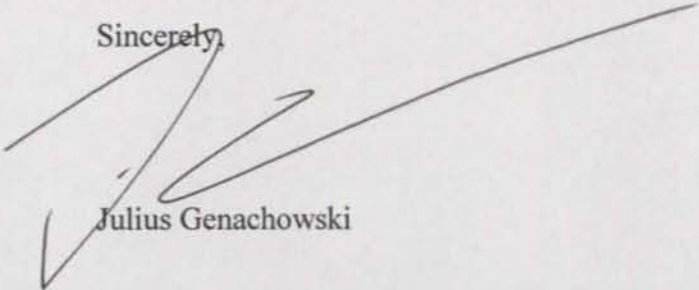
Dear Congressman Minnick:

Thank you for your letter requesting Commission action on a petition filed by CTC Telecom, Inc. Rural carriers are required to make filings each year certifying that all federal universal service high-cost support that they receive will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. CTC Telecom seeks a waiver of the deadline for filing this certification.

The petition is actively under review by the Commission's Wireline Competition Bureau. I can assure you that the Bureau is making every effort to conclude its review as quickly and equitably as possible.

A copy of your letter is being entered into the record of the proceeding. I appreciate your interest in this important matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Julius Genachowski